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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

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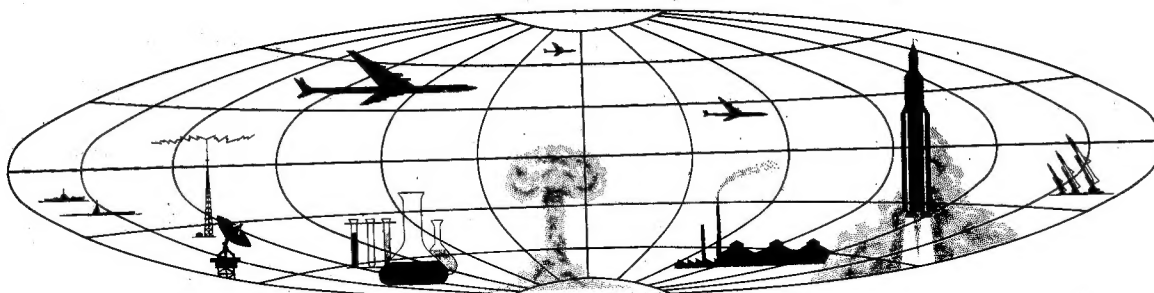


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3552, DATED 13 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX REVETTED, PROBABLY CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, AND GUIDANCE REVETMENT VISIBLE. OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE IS ABANDONED. NO EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT, 2 SMALL REVETMENTS (EACH CONTAINING ONE VAN), AND APPROXIMATELY 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND 5 PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS VISIBLE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO IN CLOUD-FREE AREA. FIVE PROBABLE SHIPPING CRATES (4 APPROXIMATELY 45 X 10 FT AND ONE APPROXIMATELY 35 X 10 FT) OBSERVED ON TAXIWAY. HAZE AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 13 FAGOT/FRESCO, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 20 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, 35 FISHBED, 4 LIAISON, AND 2 FARMER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 4 CONSTELLATION, 2 C-54, ONE BRITANNIA,  
ONE COOT, 4 CAB, 5 CRATE, ONE LODESTAR, ONE B-26,  
AND 2 LIAISON.

25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 25 LIAISON/TRAINER, 8 COLT, 2 CAB,  
2 CRATE, AND ONE PBY.

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE, ONE CAB, 58 HOUND, 3 HARE, AND  
2 BELL HELICOPTERS.

25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 8 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF, AND ONE PC  
VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 18 FREIGHTERS, 5 TRAWLERS, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG. ON MARINE RAILWAY, ONE COASTAL TANKER, 2 PC, ONE COASTAL FREIGHTER VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ANCHORED AT PUNTA GERARDO.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AT THE MAIN CAMP OR NEW TENT AREA SINCE

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED] 25X1D 25X1A  
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W  
THREE LARGE BUILDINGS VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D  
HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W  
SCATTERED CLOUDS, HAZE, AND A GAP IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY  
PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION OF MAIN CAMP. NO APPARENT  
25X1D CHANGE IN THE TWO ENCAMPMENTS SE OF THE MAIN CAMP  
SINCE [REDACTED] 25X1D 25X1D

25X1D [REDACTED] 25X1A

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT IN THE CAMP PROPER, OR IN THE SMALL  
ENCAMPMENT 2.3 NM SE SINCE [REDACTED] 25X1D  
THE SMALL ENCAMPMENT .8 NM NORTH NOW CONTAINS AN  
ADDITIONAL 7 LARGE TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE).  
MAKING A TOTAL OF 24. 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D 25X1A  
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D  
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT SINCE [REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT SINCE [REDACTED]

25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1D

25X1A

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

TWENTY-EIGHT LOWBOY TRAILERS WITH PRIME MOVERS AND  
APPROXIMATELY 300 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY  
20 FA PIECES AND 30 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- NUMEROUS FA PIECES AND VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
WEST AREA -- 12 FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 35  
VEHICLES.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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25X1A

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

LOWBOY TRAILER AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 16 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY  
40 PROBABLE VEHICLES.  
AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 10 PROBABLE VEHICLES.  
AREA 3 -- 14 PROBABLE TANKS, APPROXIMATELY 5  
VEHICLES, 9 PROBABLE CRATES/TRAILERS LOCATED IN  
FRONT OF TANK HARDSTAND. HAZE AND POOR IMAGE  
QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.  
AREA 4 -- IDENTIFICATION ONLY.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY  
25 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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25X1A

25X1D



-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3  
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1  
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4  
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2  
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER  
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA  
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA  
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL  
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE  
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED  
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR  
TARARA LANDING BEACH  
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE

2242N 08308W  
2257N 08239W  
2239N 07951W  
2225N 07935W  
2246N 08258W  
2257N 08236W  
2300N 08226W  
2307N 08212W  
2258N 08227W  
2301N 08246W  
2250N 08233W  
2254N 08231W  
2300N 08234W  
2310N 08212W  
2258N 08218W

25X1D

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION  
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

25X1D

2224N 07953W  
2301N 08245W

25X1D

25X1D

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE  
CHAMBAS SAM SITE  
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD  
CABANAS PORT  
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE  
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP  
SPECIAL AREA TANGO

2257N 08317W  
2213N 07853W  
2257N 08221W  
2300N 08250W  
2023N 07638W  
2259N 08256W  
2252N 08233W  
2258N 08311W  
2258N 08244W

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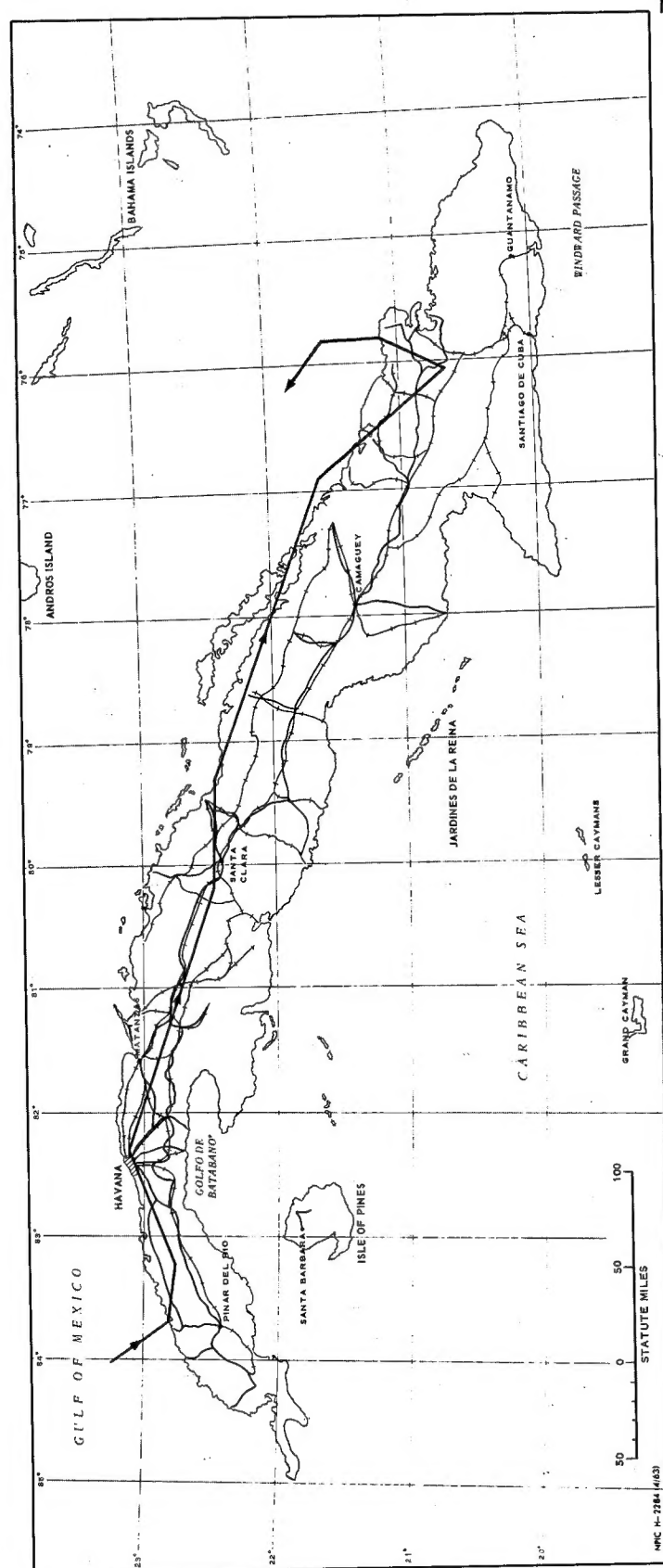
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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C

2258N 08258W

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